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Applicants: Nobuyoshi NAMBU et al. Art Unit: 1774
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Title: FIBER CAPABLE OF FORMING METAL CHELATE, PROCESS FOR
PRODUCING THE SAME, METHOD OF TRAPPING METAL ION WITH
THE FIBER, AND METAL CHELATE FIBER
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 20, 2002,
please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute claims 1 and 6 for the pending claims with
the same numbers, respectively:

-- 1. (Twice Amended) A metal chelate-forming fiber
characterized in that at least one metal chelate forming compound
selected from the group consisting of aminocarboxylic acid,
aminodicarboxylic acids, thiocarboxylic acid and phosphoric acid
which are reactive to epoxy group is bonded to a fiber molecule
of a natural fiber or regenerated fiber through a graft reaction

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